

J. W. Griffin Accidentally Meets Tragic Death.

SILENCE NO LONGER.

Concealment of Facts Has Covered Russia With Shame.

Is Absurd To Longer Keep

Hidden That Navy the Czar Is Sending to the Far East, Is Obsolete, and That Task Imposed on Gallant Sailors Is a Super-human One.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 27.—In an outspoken article in reply to a recent letter of Admiral Biriouff which appealed to the Russians not to openly criticize the condition of the navy, the Russ today declares that the time is passed for silence in view of the fact that the "old system of concealing facts is responsible for the loss of 150,000,000 rubles worth of warships and covered us with shame and grief. It would be absurd to hide the defects that can still be repaired in the ships which still remain at Constantinople and Libau. We have already criminally kept silent enough time."

The Russ enumerates the defects in the ships still in Russian waters, averring that the "peculiarities of structure of several of the vessels des-

tined for the far East make the voyage dangerous and the torpedo boats are in such a shocking condition that it is a matter of surprise that the authorities accepted their delivery. Torpedo boats intended to reinforce Vice Admiral Rojestvensky must clearly not be despatched with the numerous defects which have been proved to exist in them." In conclusion the Russ says:

"Even if Admiral Rojestvensky is a clever leader and his 12,000 comrades are heroic sailors every one knows that we have imposed upon them an almost superhuman task in consequence of our not being furnished with a true account of the gravity of the events which have occurred since the fatal night of February 8th."

CZAR'S OFFICIALS WANT RESTITUTION.

They Assert That Three Million Rounds of Ammunition, Seized by Chinese Was Intended for Defense of Legation.

Peking, Dec. 27.—The Russian officials here demanded of the Chinese foreign office yesterday the restitution of the 3,000,000 rounds of ammunition apparently destined for Port Arthur, seized by the Chinese authorities at Fengtai, near here, four days ago. The Russians assert that the ammunition is intended only for the legation guard.

It is learned at the foreign office that the Chinese intend taking a strong stand in view of the frequent attempts to smuggle arms and ammunition.

The bales of wool containing the cartridges seized at Fengtai, were consigned to an European resident of Peking who is now at Tien Tsin taking part in the investigation into the affair.

WEST IN GRASP OF A BLIZZARD.

Snow Fell to Depth of Foot All Over Kansas and Drifted Badly.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 27.—This part of the west was today in the grasp of a genuine blizzard which extended through Missouri and Nebraska and Iowa, over the whole of Kansas and into Oklahoma and Indian Territory. Snow fell to a depth of nearly a foot and driven by a high wind drifted badly. Railway trains in every direction were delayed. At some points, particularly north of Kansas City, in Iowa and Nebraska, telephone and telegraph wires were rendered useless.

STOCKHOLDERS HELD FOR DOUBLE LIABILITY.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 27.—Acting upon instruction issued by the controller of the currency, Receiver Robert Lyon, of the closed Citizen's National Bank, of Oberlin, has notified the stockholders of the latter concern, that they must stand double liability on their stock. It is estimated that about \$60,000 will be secured by the receiver in this manner. Some of the stockholders, it is understood have already paid their double liability.

FOUR BELOW ZERO.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 27.—Bitter cold and a forty mile wind driving before it a blinding snow, greeted eastern Nebraska and western Iowa today. The mercury touched four degrees below zero early today. Telegraphic companies were unable to establish communication with many outside points until late in the day. Trains were four to five hours late.

PUBLIC MEN TAKE MEDICINE.

Three St. Louis Officials Convicted of Naturalization Frauds Start for Penitentiary.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 27.—Thomas E. Barrett, former marshal of the St. Louis court of appeals; John P. Dolan, former chairman of the democratic city central committee and policeman Frank Garrett, convicted of naturalization frauds, whose ten days of grace expired today, surrendered and have been taken to the state penitentiary at Jefferson City to begin their sentences.

As a last effort to secure their release application will be made to the United States supreme court for a writ of habeas corpus, but before the writ could be applied for them, the men had surrendered.

CRIPPLED LEG CAUSES DEATH.

Chicago, Dec. 27.—Buying a coffin ostensibly for a friend, Leroy K. Nesbit, a banker, committed suicide today in an undertaking establishment. Scribbled on a card in the banker's pocket saying: "I am tired of being a cripple." Nesbit had a shriveled limb and had spent thousands of dollars in a vain attempt to effect a cure.

WHOLE NORTHWEST IS IN BLIZZARD'S GRIP.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 27.—St. Paul and the entire northwest is in the grip of a blizzard. Snow is drifting badly and wind is high on the prairies. All trains are late. The coast lines were particularly hard hit. The Great Northern train due Monday afternoon was reported twenty hours late. Telegraph service is heavily handicapped.

CINCINNATI REJOICING OVER COMING OF COAL.

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 27.—There is great rejoicing here over the coming of coal from Pittsburgh, though the river at this point is falling. This is due to the going out of the ice below the city. The gorge above the city is also broken. With the rain now falling, which is quite general, there is a fine prospect for a good boating stage and an abundant supply of coal.

SMALL VALUE IN THE TRUNK.

Receiver Has Located Chadwick Baggage Which Disappeared Suddenly.

Cleveland, Dec. 27.—Contrary to expectation the inquiry in connection with the Chadwick receivership case was not resumed today. Receiver Looser stated that nothing more would be done in the matter for several days.

"We have definitely located the trunk and satchel that were taken from the Holland House, in New York," said Mr. Looser today. "and they will be brought here within a day or two."

"Aside from wearing apparel there is, I understand, little of value in the trunk or satchel."

Continuing, Mr. Looser said: "We had intended today to examine Henry Wuerst, the Elvira, O. Jeweler, who holds about \$20,000 worth of Mrs. Chadwick's jewels for security for a loan. Wuerst has made a full statement of just what he holds; however, and has expressed his willingness to surrender them whenever the loan is made good. The jewels will be appraised later, but my impression is that they are worth no more than the sum advanced by Wuerst to Mrs. Chadwick."

JUDGE WING HAS RESIGNED.

Large Opportunities Which Practice of Legal Profession Offers Him Given as Reason.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 27.—Judge Francis J. Wing, stated today that he had forwarded to the president his resignation of the office of United States district judge for the northern district of Ohio, and that he had been assured that it would take effect on the first day of February next. His reasons for this course, Judge Wing said, was entirely personal, and related to the large opportunities which the practice of his profession offers. Upon leaving the bench, his intention is to immediately resume practice.

Judge Wing was appointed to the federal bench four years ago as the associate of Judge Augustus J. Ricks, who, owing to ill health, was compelled to retire from active duty.

SLIPPERY RAILS RETARD ALL TRAFFIC.

New York, Dec. 27.—Rain and sleet, with a rising temperature, following the recent heavy snow storms, have greatly impeded traffic in and about New York. Telegraphic communication has been considerably handicapped and nearly all through trains from the west and north are delayed, owing to slippery rails.

REPORT THAT HOLLAND WILL

Place Sabang at the Disposition of Russian Fleet Is Without any Foundation.

The Hague, Dec. 27.—The report that Holland will place Sabang, in the Straits settlements, twenty miles north of Malacca, at the disposition of the Russian Pacific second squadron, as reported from Tokio in a despatch to the London Times, is devoid of foundation. It is learned in official quarters that Holland will observe the same strict neutrality in her colonies as any of her points in the Dutch East Indies will be placed either directly or indirectly at the disposal of the belligerents.

CASHIER ARRESTED.

Bellefontaine, O., Dec. 27.—Douglas Kenyon, cashier of the Rushsylvania bank which failed in September has been arrested on the charge of inducing the school treasurer William Stevenson to transfer \$1,100, to the Rushsylvania bank forty-eight hours before it failed.

SHOTS FIRED INTO CHURCH.

The Preacher Will Die From Bullet Wounds. Several Arrests Made of Miners.

Hanceville, Ala., Dec. 27.—While a negro congregation was holding a Christmas celebration in a church at Stouts mountain, a mining camp near here, a volley of shots was fired into the church from the outside. Rev. Clay, the pastor, was shot through the hips and will die. Two other men were probably fatally wounded. The other negroes hurried out of the building and ran in every direction. Later the dead body of Henry Jett, a white miner was found near the church with a revolver lying nearby.

It is supposed he was a member of the shooting party and was accidentally killed by one of his companions. John Jett, a brother of the dead man, and John Black, both miners, have been arrested in connection with the affair.

NEW YORK IS SKATING POND.

Rain and Sleet Have Played Havoc With Transportation and Telegraphic Facilities.

New York, Dec. 27.—Rain and sleet, following the heavy snow storm, have played havoc with transportation facilities and the telegraph service. Falling on top of the snow covered pavements and sidewalks the rain has formed a hard crust of ice, and New York today was like a great skating pond. The rails of the surface cars and elevated trains were so slippery that no effort was made to keep anything like schedule time. The suburban trolley lines were almost paralyzed and trains were reported late on every line.

How badly the telegraph and telephone wires have been crippled could not be estimated early today. All through the east and in Pennsylvania the wires are coated with ice and the extra weight has broken many of them.

In addition to the delay caused by the sleet storm, the congested traffic of the upper harbor and the North and East rivers crowded with ferry boats, was hampered by a dense fog which wrapped the city and harbor in blinding folds. So dense was the fog that it was still almost dark at 7:30 a. m., and ferry boats bringing the thousands of people employed in this city from Jersey City and Brooklyn, poked their way slowly from slip to slip in constant danger of collision. The unpleasant conditions in the harbor were increased by drifting ice. No serious accidents were reported.

COMPANION UNDER ARREST.

Michigan Girl Dead From Morphine Taken This Morning With Suicidal Intent.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 27.—Miss Aggie Garrison, aged twenty-five years, whose home is in Detroit, Michigan, died at the city hospital today from the effects of a powder believed to have morphine which she swallowed in a room at Daniel's hotel. Albert Chittum, twenty-eight years old, of Knoxville, Tenn., who was with her when she swallowed the poison is under arrest.

MANY SHIFTS IN SOLDIERS.

San Francisco, Dec. 27.—A number of changes will take place shortly in the garrison of the cantonment at the Presidio. On February 1 the twenty-first infantry now there will leave for the Philippines, being relieved at the Presidio by the Sixth infantry from Fort Leavenworth, Kan. The Eighth infantry now homeward bound from the Philippines, will proceed on arrival to Leavenworth to replace the Sixth infantry which later on will proceed to the Philippines to replace the Fifteenth infantry which will come here.

A BURN HOUSE.

Fort Wayne, Ind., Dec. 27.—The newly built Majestic theatre was gutted by fire early today. Loss \$35,000; three fourth insured. The fire started through an explosion in the engine room.

GOVERNOR O'DELL WILL STOP DELAY.

Newburgh, N. D., Dec. 27.—Governor O'Dell when told at his home here of the delay at Albany in granting an extradition warrant for the arrest of Dr. Leroy S. Chadwick said:

"It is the desire of the executive department of the state of New York to act in entire harmony with Ohio officials in this matter and I will see personally that there is no unnecessary delay."

STATE FIRE MARSHAL DAVIS

Advised of Arrest of Letcher, Wanted in Bryan for Alleged Arson.

Columbus, O., Dec. 27.—State Fire Marshal Davis is in receipt of a telegram from Detective Fox, at Flagstaff, Arizona, stating that he has arrested Geo. E. Letcher, wanted in Bryan, O., on a charge of arson and that he will arrive in Bryan, Wednesday evening with his prisoner. Letcher was arrested some time ago in San Francisco having gone there from Mexico, but being wealthy, fought the issuance of requisition papers.

Letcher is accused of being at the head of a gang of incendiaries at Bryan for the last 15 years.

RECEIVED ULLAH.

Calcutta, Dec. 27.—Lord Curzon, viceroy of India, received Prince Inayat Ullah, son of the Amir of Afghanistan with great ceremony today in the throne room at the government house. Both the viceroy and the prince were attended by brilliant staffs. The scene was most effective. The prince was evidently delighted with his reception.

QUAKER CITY IS FOG BOUND.

Traffic of Every Sort Hampered by the Cloud Which Hangs Over Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, Dec. 27.—Traffic of every sort was badly hampered during the early hours today by a dense fog which settled over the city and vicinity during the night. A rise in temperature was accompanied early last night by a drizzling rain which fell during the entire night. A heavy thaw resulted, and this, following the two and one half days of snow fall converted the streets into rivulets, rendering walking both disagreeable and dangerous. The train service is seriously crippled.

Persons living in the suburbs were late in arriving at their places of business. The ferry boats between this city and Camden were unable to travel according to schedule.

The maritime exchange reports its wire from this city to the Delaware breakwater and intermediate reporting stations in trouble. It is believed, however, that many vessels are in the harbor at the breakwater awaiting better weather.

MERCURY TAKES BIG TUMBLE AT ST. LOUIS.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 27.—The blizzard that has been raging in the west struck St. Louis and vicinity today and there was a fall of twenty degrees in the temperature in less than two hours.

DESPONDENCY ARISING FROM

Ill Health Leads Son of Revenue Collector To Take His Own Life.

Chillicothe, O., Dec. 27.—John C. Entekin, Jr., aged 28, son of John C. Entekin, collector of internal revenue for the 11th Ohio district, was found dead in his bed this morning. He had committed suicide by shooting. He was deputy collector of the district. Despondency arising from ill health is supposed to have been the cause of suicide.

GOOD STAGE PROMISED.

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 27.—The present rain has been general throughout the Ohio valley, and in consequence the Ohio river and its tributaries are pouring out an amount of water that means a good stage for navigation for several weeks. The warm weather also cleared almost all ice that had formed along the streams. It was the first heavy rain in four or five months.

WEATHER MAN TALKS.

First Cold Wave Is Bearing Down From Northwest.

Ten Degrees Below Marked

As Limit to Which Mercury Will Fall by Tomorrow Along Lakeshore. Boreal Blast Is Gaining Strength as It Travels Eastward Preceded by Snow.

Chicago, Dec. 27.—From the northwest there is bearing down on this section the first cold wave of the winter, and one that will bring in its wake a temperature of several degrees below zero. Weather Forecasters H. J. Cox, of Chicago, says that by tonight the temperature will be near zero, and that by tomorrow morning it may reach 10 degrees below.

"It is not absolutely certain that 10 degrees below zero will be reached by Wednesday morning," said Prof. Cox, "but it looks now as if that would be the mark."

The rain and sleet of Monday and today will turn to snow by night, and there will be considerable snowfall before the cold wave is fairly here. At 9 o'clock last night the zero weather extended as far east as central Minnesota, while at points in Montana and North Dakota a temperature of several degrees below zero was reached.

Wave Gains Strength.

Coming from the extreme northwest the cold wave has been forming for a couple of days. Its increasing strength, however, became manifest only after the reports began to arrive late last evening.

GAS EXPLOSION AT CARNEGIE PLANT.

Foreman of Bricklayers Burned to Death and Five Others Seriously Injured. Damage by Fire Was Very Small.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 27.—John Guy, foreman of the brick layers, was burned to death and five others seriously injured in an explosion today in furnace "F" of the Edgar Thomson plant of the Carnegie Steel plant at Brad-dock. Of the injured, who were all foreigners, Michael Pasnick will die. The furnace had been blown out for repairs and the men were at work relining it when gas which had accumulated ignited from the heat causing the explosion. At the same time the flash set fire to the trestle and the watchman's shanty adjoining the furnace, but the flames were quickly extinguished. The damage to the furnace will be small.

ZEMSTVO VOTES LARGE AMOUNT

For Construction of School Houses to Mark Its Satisfaction Over Appointment.

Moscow, Dec. 27.—At the meeting of the Moscow Zemstvo today in the presence of a great audience resolutions of confidence and congratulation were passed on the appointment of Prince Peter Sviatopolk-Mirsky, as minister of the interior and at the prospect of closer relations and mutual confidence between the government and the people. The Zemstvo then voted \$150,000 for the construction of school houses to mark its satisfaction.

It is reported that Chief of Police Trepoff, who took an active part in the suppression of the recent student demonstrations, is about to resign and proceed to the front.

HER MOTHER IS CONVINCED.

Husband Has Not Seen Murdered Woman Since Their Parting Shortly After Marriage.

Syracuse, N. Y., Dec. 27.—Mrs. C. R. Kemper, mother of Mrs. Bessie Bouton, is thoroughly convinced that the victim of the Cutler Hill, Colorado Springs murder is her daughter. The last letter she received from the girl was written at the Alabama Hotel, Denver. She would not disclose the contents.

BULLETIN.

North Bay, Dec. 27.—By the burning of the house of Mr. LaFreniere, near Alondar, his four children perished before assistance could reach them.

SCHOLARSHIP EXAMINATIONS.

Those Wanting Rhodes Scholarships Will Stand Educational Tests, January 17.

Columbus, O., Dec. 27.—Notices have been sent out that the Rhodes scholarship examinations for Ohio will be held in Columbus, January 17, under the direction of the Ohio State University.

Two men will be sent to Oxford, England, but if more than one of any university in this state should qualify, it will be left to the authorities of that university to select the student on the basis of his athletic and social standing in the college.

LOUISVILLE HAS A FALL.

Mercury Tumbles Nine Degrees in One Hour at Nashville, This Morning.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 27.—During the last thirty-six hours the first soaking rain in many months has fallen in the territory from the Ohio River to the Gulf of Mexico and from Texas over into Georgia. Several places have been visited by a cold wave, a fall of nine degrees in one hour being registered at Nashville.

A fall in temperature of forty degrees was the forecast today.

A steady, hard rain fell all night at New Orleans and reports of heavy precipitation have been received from Montgomery, Knoxville, Nashville and Memphis.

Telegraph wires are down in many localities.

VOLUNTARY BANRUPT.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 27.—Charles M. Traver, president of the closed First National Bank of Conneaut, Ohio, filed a personal petition in voluntary bankruptcy in the United States district court here today. His liabilities are placed at \$50,000, assets \$25,000.

DEATH

Came to a Crider's-ville Lady

In South Lima

Miss Viola M. Thurston
At Rest.

Chicago & Erie Does a Ban-
ner Holiday Business
This Year.

Guests of Our City and From Our
City to Other Points as Told
to a Reporter.

Last night at 11 o'clock, Miss Viola
Thurston, an employee of the T. A.
Oxley millinery store expired at the
home of Mrs. Pillars, on east Circular
street.

Decceased was 22 years of age, and
her parental home was at Crider's-
ville, where the remains were taken by
Hume & Co. for interment this morning.

Miss Thurston has been ailing for
some time, and death was due to
catarrhal jaundice.

Funeral arrangements have not as
yet been arranged.

Decceased had a host of friends and
acquaintances in this city.

Still Hangs on the Wall.

Long about election time, some for-
getful gentlemen hung an overcoat
on the wall at the south side hose
house, and the fire ladders are at a
loss to know "to whom it belongs."

Only One Left.

Several weeks ago, a thief called
at the L. Wheeler chicken park on
east Kibby street, and carried off
several fine chickens, and now it is
evident that all the rest of the little
flock decorated somebody's Christmas
table, as there is only one left, a
rooster. Mr. Wheeler says if the
thief is really in need of the lonely
bird, he can have him, by making his
wants known.

Erie Notes.

Passenger traffic over the Chicago
and Erie was so heavy this morning
that a double-header was necessary
to pull No. 22, east bound.

Last year the C. & E. did the ban-
ner passenger business during the
three days holiday sale of tickets.
Since the construction of the road,
Agent Morrison's reports this morn-
ing show a cash increase in sales over
last year of \$665. This is another evi-
dence of Lima's growth.

A Correction.

In a wedding announcement in last
evening's Times-Democrat, the names
should have been Mr. Fred Acker and
Miss Alice Cunningham, and the event
took place at the J. J. Cunningham
home, instead of Kunzebaum.

Good Place For Sick People.

The LaBelle Sanatorium, located at
535 south Main street, is a convenient
and comfortable place for those who
are afflicted. It has the advantage
of good nurses, good physicians, ambu-
lance accommodations, in fact every-
thing which a hospital should have.
Miss Nettie Payne is manager, and
her phone call is 655 New Phone.

Christmas Wedding.

By a wedding which took place
Christmas day, a former south side
belle again becomes a resident of
south Lima. The contracting parties
were Frank Whitmer and Miss Lizzie
Rathbone. They have gone to house-
keeping on south Elizabeth street.

Personal News.

This morning, Mrs. I. G. Nunemaker
and son Harry, and niece, Miss Bonale
Nunemaker, of Forest avenue, went
to Huntington, Ind., to visit relatives.

Engene Clements, of west Vine
street, is off duty at the Times-Demo-
crat on account of a wounded knee.

John Ottman, of Delphos, was a
guest of the J. B. Dobbs family, on
Reece avenue, yesterday.

Mrs. Minnie Pace and daughters
Beryl and Cecil, of Beaverdam, spent

Christmas with south side friends.

Harry Green, of Marion, is calling
on former south side friends.

Mrs. Lewis Melzer, of east Kibby
street, returned this morning from
Kenton, where she spent Christmas
with her sister, Miss Mary Luffy.

Vern and Frank Mack, of Spencer-
ville, are visiting their aunt, Mrs. C.
C. Mack, of Atlantic avenue.

Son, time ago, Conductor John
Duffy, of the Lake Erie & Western,
was transferred from this city to San-
dusky. Mrs. Duffy moved from west
Vine street to Sandusky, today.

Van Wert friends are entertaining
Mrs. B. J. Gantz and daughter, of
west Kibby street.

Mrs. J. H. King, of Union City, Pa.,
is a guest of her brother, G. J. Stran-
nahan, and wife, of south Main street.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Wiltsee, of south
Elizabeth street, were visited yester-
day by James Kunkie, of Bryan, and
Thomas Coslett, of Columbus Grove.

Prentice Lawrence, of Greenlawn
avenue, and the Smith sisters, of west
Kibby street, were Celine guests yester-
day.

Kenton relatives are being visited
by Miss Lydia Olenour, of south Main
street.

Samuel Reiman, of south Main
street, is a guest of Port Wayne
friends.

Rev. A. M. Crist and family, of
south Pine street, were entertained by
his mother at Findlay, yesterday.

Mrs. B. P. Matthews, of south Eliza-
beth street, is being visited by a sis-
ter, Mrs. Winfield Scott, of Nelson-
ville, this.

Jackson Center relatives yesterday
entertained the Frank Hagerman fam-
ily, of east Kibby street.

S. V. Cochran, of west Kibby street,
has been entertaining his brother
Isaac, of Spencerville, the past few
days.

Ed. Fink came up from Dayton to
spend Christmas with his wife, form-
erly Miss Rose Mack, of west Kibby
street.

Mrs. B. F. Hall, of west Kibby
street, gave a Christmas dinner in
honor of her guest, Miss Lena Mel-
land, of Toledo.

Miss Virginia Mack, of west Kibby
street, has returned from a visit to
Cleveland.

The Key That Unlocks the Door to
Long Living.

The men of eighty and ninety
years of age are not the retired and
feeble, but thin, spare men who live on
a slender diet. Be as careful as he
who, however, a man past middle age,
will occasionally eat too much, or of
some food not suited to his constitu-
tion, and will need a dose of Cham-
berlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets
to cleanse and invigorate his stomach
and regulate his liver and bowels.
When this is done there is no reason
why the average man should not live
to old age. For sale by all druggists.

DINKELSPIEL'S EPIGRAMS.

Truth was mighty, but it ain't
mighty enough to be a popular fam-
ily, already.

Rich people hav troubles vich poor
peoples can nefer enchoy.

Ain't it strange dot vas nefer hear of
a henpeched husband flyind der coop?

A meen man chencially has a mean
time mit his money.

Man is dust, and ven der man mixes
enough viskey mit der dust his name
vas Mud.

Sometimes it vas more trouble to
avoid trouble den it vas to let der
trouble walk in and get out.

Some meins voi I know vas writing
awful fast dese days so dey vill be
able to turn over a new leaf.

Consistency vas a chewet, but it
ain't much good for a Christmas-pres-
ent.—New York American.

That Throbbing Headache

Would quickly leave you, if you used
Dr. King's New Life Pills. "Thous-
ands of sufferers have proved their
matchless merit for sick and nervous
heads. They make pure blood
and build up your health. Only 25
cents. Money back if not cured. Sold
by H. P. Vorkamp, druggist, corner
of Main and North streets.

IMPLACABLE.

When I was young, with the desire
Experimental goided,

I held a Roman candle 'gainst
A boy till it exploded!

'Twas him a moment held against,
But spite of all persuasion,

He's held it against me for years—
In fact, since that occasion!

—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

The health and fragrance and
strength of the great pine forests are
condensed in Pineules—a new discov-
ery put up in a new way. A cure for
all kidney, blood and bladder diseases,
backache, lumbago an every form of
rheumatism. Pineules rid the sys-
tem of impurities. Sold by H. P.
Vorkamp, druggist.

TABLOID PHILOSOPHY.

The sidonow barke is worse than
his bite.

The village barber is sometimes al-
so the village cut-up.

Even in buying cabbage two heads
are better than one.

It's all right to pay as you go, pro-
vided you can't get a pass.

A man's best friend goes back on
him when he kicks himself.

Time and tide wait for no man, but
the orchestra-leader beats time.—Phil-
adelphia Record.

Best Jackson Domestic Lump Coal,
per ton \$3.75. Central Coal Co. Both
offices.

FARM-
ORCHARD-
AND-
GARDEN
BY
J.S. TRIGG
REGISTER
DES MOINES, IA.
CORRESPONDENCE
SOLICITED



There is no need to worry any more
about the weeds, for they have gone
to seed to curse both you and your
neighbor for next year.

We now have concrete streets and
sidewalks, cement buildings, posts and
piling. The coming architecture is
largely going to dispense with brick,
stone and lumber.

We have a good many so called
statesmen who, like the modern air-
ship, are able to rise by virtue of the
gas they carry, but who drift whic-
ever way the wind blows when they
are up in the air.

A man never liveth to himself alone
if he is a resident of a small town. His
dear neighbors will find out every-
thing about him, his business and domestic
affairs and some besides. It is probable
that this sort of gratuitous detective
service does not a little to keep some
people straight.

All are agreed that the willow hedges
untrimmed are nothing but a public un-
sauce when grown bordering the pub-
lic roads. They cause impassable drifts
of snow in winter, keep the road mud-
dy after rains and shut off any view
of the good farms on either side. These
hedges are generally being removed.

During the seven years' drought in
Australia a mare of native stock made
the discovery that there were green
and tender grasses growing at the bot-
tom of a large pool of water, and she
learned to dive to get them. Her prog-
eny also took up the diving habit, and
the chummeage that had the necessity
continued a new race of diving horses
would have been created.

The present prices for farm products
fully justify present prices for farm
lands. In fact, if assured of a certain
price of such prices the value of good
farm land would easily bear an ad-
vance of 20 per cent. Good land is to-
day one of the cheapest things on the
market as well as one of the safest in-
vestments. Farmers' wives will do a
good thing if they balk and refuse to
sign deeds of the farm at present val-
ues.

We give the following figures as given
to us lately by a manufacturer of
the new cement blocks which are now
coming into use. He said that a six
foot by six foot block in diameter and twenty-
five feet in height could be built at a
cost for the blocks of \$134; that these
blocks are so dovetailed into each other
that they make a practically solid
wall. If to this be added the cost of
laying up it would seem as though here
was a silo for something about \$204
that would be the cheapest and best
thing yet worked out. This idea is
worth investigating.

A farmer is never quite ready to
move to the town if he can't get rid
of a bunkering to raise hogs. A hog
in a town is always out of place unless
he is dead. As a begetter of original
and unendurable stinks the hog in con-
finement takes the cake. Hens in town
are bad enough, lowering the moral
status of any locality where they run
at large. But when coupled with the
odor of a hogpen on a warm August
evening the two combined can neu-
tralize the best efforts of the churches.
If you think you must keep hogs, stay
on the farm, where there are plenty of
wind and neighbors half a mile apart.

The cement blocks for building pur-
poses can be made in almost any com-
munity and used in constructive work
at just about two-thirds the cost of
brick, with the added advantage that
the work, while equally durable and
fireproof, looks much handsomer. The
best of it is that wherever these cement
blocks may be profitably manufac-
tured, while we have not as yet noted
that it has been done, we see no reason
why a cheap and excellent build-
ing could not be made from this mate-
rial, which ought to give a business
all through the prairie regions,
where fuel is high priced and the
draining a necessity.

There are still many localities where
the first crop raised on the land will
pay for it. It may be done in the new-
er sections of North Dakota by break-
ing up the prairie soil the last of May
or the first of June and sowing it to
flax. It may be done in Oklahoma with
a crop of winter wheat on the newer
and cheaper lands, it may be done with
potatoes on almost any of the cheap
timbered lands of northern Minnesota
or Wisconsin. It may be done with al-
falfa on much of the good land in Kan-
sas and Nebraska. It may be done in
growing various crops on almost any
of the well irrigated lands being
brought into market in so many of the
western states, and when a smart man
can pay for his farm with the first
crop he has got a snap and ought to
be satisfied. Any land which will per-
mit the doing of this is easily worth
five or six times what you have to pay
for it.

We question in which a woman
takes the greater pleasure: Keeping
a spare bedroom fixed up for guests,
or roaring because guests are coming.

YOUR NEW YEARS' DINNER

will not be complete without

Jell-O,

America's most popular dessert, which
received highest Award, U. S. Medal,
at St. Louis Exposition. An artistic
table decoration that also pleases the
palate. Very easy to prepare. Six
choice flavors—Lemon, Orange, Rasp-
berry, Strawberry, Chocolate and
Vanilla. Order a package of each to-
day from your grocery store. When you
make Ice Cream use Jell-O and
CRAM Powder. All ingredients in
the package. At all grocers. 2 pkgs.
for 25c.

PRaise FOR LIMA MAN.

The following from the Upper San-
dusky Chief, evinces a keen sense of
appreciation for merit:

"B. P. Reading, of Lima, delivered
the second number of the lecture
course at the Methodist Episcopal
church at Wharton, Tuesday evening,
December 20, to a large and apprecia-
tive audience, and with his wit, humor
and eloquence held the people like
magic, as he proceeded to handle in a
masterly, scholarly and fluent way his
splendid subject, 'Loss in the Crowd.'
Dr. Reading is a man of charming dis-
position and strong personality, re-
sourceful in mind, logical in thought
and ardent in delivery. He talks
good sense, tells great truths and pre-
sents wholesome thoughts. His lec-
ture is void of flattery and blands-
hips and points the people to the way
out of their lost condition in this life,
and guides them to the haven of rest
in the life to come.—Sandusky."

The Grille of Gold.

Howell quotes as familiar a French
proverb, "il a grille sa ceinture" (He
has given up his girdle, which indi-
cates as much as if he had become
bankrupt or had all his estate forfeit-
ed, it being the ancient law of France
that when any man upon some offense
had the penalty of confiscation inflicted
upon him "he need before the tribu-
nal to give up his girdle, implying
thereby that the grille held everything
that belonged to a man's estate, as his
budget of money and writings, the
keys of his house, with his sword, dan-
gerous and gloves." The fact that the
grille was used as a purse had much to
do with its importance in general ap-
preciation. We have an English prov-
erb confirming of this appreciation.
It is said, "Ungirt, unlust," and that
it was in very common use as clear
from the frequency with which the
phrase occurs in old out of the way
literature.—Chambers' Journal.

Flowers of Good Cheer.

Although Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes
never practiced medicine, those who
knew him intimately say that he
cheered more sinking invalids, cured
more sick people and did more good,
even from a medical standpoint, than
many of his young physician friends.
The secret of his power lay in his over-
flowing cheerfulness and kindness of
heart. He scattered "flowers of good
cheer" wherever he went. With him
optimism was a creed. "Mirth is God's
medicine," he declared. "Everybody
ought to bathe in it. Grim care, mor-
toseness, anxiety—all the fust of life—
ought to be scoured off by the oil of
mirth."

Identified.

"What has become," asked the oc-
casional guest, "of the pretty black
eyed girl who used to wait at the
table over in the corner?"
"What pretty black eyed girl?" frigid-
ly inquired the young woman with
the snub nose and prominent chin.
"If I remember rightly, she had a
little bit of a mole on one cheek."
"Oh, that girl with the blotch on her
face? I think somebody married her."
—New York Press.

Grip Quickly Knocked Out.

"Some weeks ago during the severe
winter weather both my wife and my-
self contracted severe colds which
speedily developed into the worst kind
of grip, with all its miserable
symptoms," says Mr. J. S. Eggleston,
of Maple Landing, Iowa. "Knees and
joints aching, muscles sore, head
stuffed up, eyes and nose running,
with alternate spells of chills and
fever. We began using Chamberlain's
Cough Remedy, adding the same with
a dose of Chamberlain's Stomach and
Liver Tablets, and by its liberal use
soon completely knocked out the grip."
These Tablets promote a healthy ac-
tion of the bowels, liver and kidneys,
which is always beneficial when the
system is congested by a cold or at-
tack of the grip. For sale by all
druggists.

HOLIDAY EXCURSIONS.

The Lake Erie and Western railroad
company will sell for Christmas and
New Years holidays, excursion tickets
on its own and connecting lines at the
very low rate of one and one-third
fare for the round trip. Tickets will
be sold on the 24th, 25th, 26th and
27th, 1904, and January 1st and 2nd,
1905, limited going to date of sale, and
good returning up to and including
January 4th, 1905. For further infor-
mation as to rates, routes, etc., call on
agent L. E. & W. R. R., or address H.
J. Rhea, C. P. A. 35-11

An Emergency Medicine.

For sprains, bruises, burns, scalds
and similar injuries, there is nothing
so good as Chamberlain's Pain Balm.
It soothes the wound and not only
gives instant relief from pain, but
causes the parts to heal in about one-
third the time required by the usual
treatment. Sold by all druggists.

GOOD ROADS.

We read much about the wonder-
ful new roads of the great countries—
highways like city pavements in Eng-
land, Italy, France and Germany. At
the same time little is said about the
conditions which made such splendid
highways a possibility. The simple
fact is that they are an enduring monu-
ment to the ancient and ever present
patience and desperate millinery of
those countries. The highway, which
as a military necessity Napoleon built
over the Alps, will last as long as his
name as a military depot, and we in
America can have good roads to long
on, on which horses and mules his four-
wheeled carriages can travel just as
soon as 25 per cent of the American
people are willing to work for 20 cents
a day to build them, and keep them in
repair. In a general way it is said
that good roads are an evidence of a
high type of human civilization, but
may the good Lord deliver us from
such a civilization as wrought out the
splendid highways of Europe. We
have seen with our own eyes in Eu-
rope children not over six years of
age picking the stones from the culti-
vated fields and doing it for a wage
of 4 cents a day, and we have seen
men sitting by the roadside breaking
these same stones with a hand ham-
mer to earn enough to keep the breath
of life in their miserable bodies. The
good roads of Europe are like the great
Chinese wall or the pyramids of Egypt
—a great public work, the product of
forced and unrequited labor, cemented
in human blood. Here one half of the
able-bodied men of the country regard
their road poll tax as an imposition,
and the other half will drive round a
mudhole, rock or stump in the high-
way for years after rather than make
a patriotic effort to remove the ob-
stacle and cause the road supervisor
while they do it. Once given America a
vast standing army of soldiers and
pamper and good roads will follow as
a natural sequence. We prefer the
mad and a broken axle once in awhile
to such conditions.

THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE.

The regulation of the matter of trans-
portation is the most important mat-
ter which the American people have
to deal with in the near future. This
thing is of greater importance than
the tariff, the race question or the for-
eign policy of the government. The
economic necessities of railway trans-
portation are compelling a centraliza-
tion of interests, a merging of roads,
which results in investing the few men
who control the merged interests with
an almost despotic power over the ag-
ricultural, commercial and manufac-
turing interests, a power which the Amer-
ican people will never consent to have
exercised, no matter how benevolently
wielded, independent of government
control. A grilling matter of freight
rates in these days of sharp competi-
tion determines the question of profit
or loss for the farmer, the merchant
and manufacturer. Government own-
ership of the roads is practically out
of the question, but government control
of them is not. The people of the coun-
try will hold the party in power to a
strict accountability on this matter.
It is simply proved that the freight
rate is always a trust betwixt and
trust builder, and it is rightly deman-
ded that this wrong shall be righted.
Men may succeed or fail in business en-
terprises conditioned on a hundred dif-
ferent business factors, but they should
never be allowed to succeed or fail be-
cause of an unfair or inequitable
freight rate.

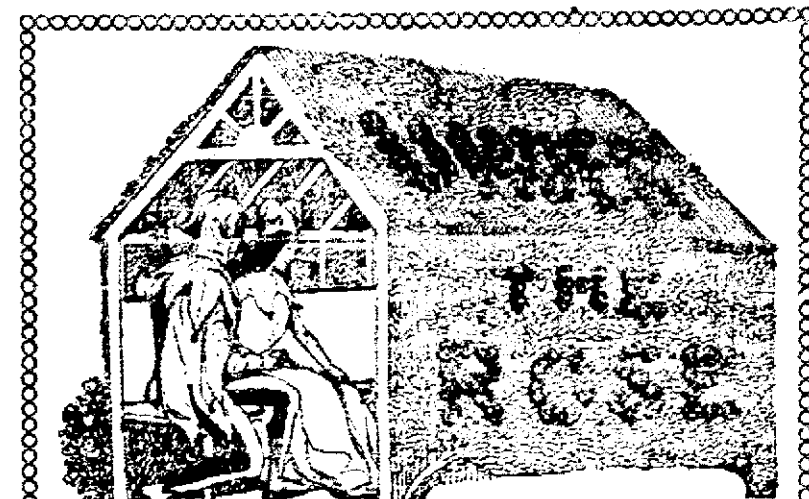
WINTER CARE OF THE ORCHARD.

The winter care of the orchard should
receive attention. The grass and weeds
should be carefully removed from
around the base of the trunks of the
trees down to bare ground, so that the
mice may be prevented from building
nests and gnawing the bark of the tree
during the winter. All trees under five
years setting in orchard should be pro-
tected with something, either a wooden
shield or wire netting, or wrapped with
paper or gummy sack, in order to pre-
vent the rabbits from gnawing them.
It is not best to plow the orchard in
the fall; better to leave grass and
weeds or stalks for a sort of winter
protection to catch the snow and hold
it in place. The winter is a good time
to haul the manure out and fertilize
the trees, something which all trees of
bearing age should have done to them
once in three or four years. The win-
ter is not a good time to prune the
trees. This work is better done in late
May or early June, when the sap is
flowing and the wounds are readily
and quickly healed.

SORGHUM SUIP.

Here and there through the country
may be found a sorghum mill in opera-
tion. Years ago sorghum sirup was a
great thing, especially for the pioneer
settlers at a time when it took a dollar
to buy four pounds of brown sugar.
Then every man had his patch of sorghum
and put in his cellar two or three
barrels of sirup. We used to make
preserves with it from the wild
fruits, sweetmeats which were counted
good enough for the minister when he
came to supper. Many used it to
sweeten their coffee, though it set up
such a chemical reaction when thus
used that the coffee was better with-
out it. Associated with buckwheat
sirup it is today a delicacy far better
than any of the prepared sirups of
commerce save the genuine maple
sirup. It was a great misfortune that
no plan could ever be devised for pre-
cipitating a crystallized sugar from it,
for nothing would have fixed the ex-
tortions of the sugar trust so well.

When the preacher calls and the
bible doesn't have to be dusted, it
means next housekeeping more than
devotion.



A Captivating Romance of the Days of Chivalry by FREDERIC S. ISHAM

Author of "THE STROLLERS."

"Under the Rose" is wholly admirable, and we cannot imagine a
reader getting through the first chapter and laying the book down
before finishing. It is a finished bit of romantic story telling, and
the plot is very skillfully arranged.

When in the year 447 B. C., Pausanias and Xerxes were plotting
for the subjugation of Greece to Persian rule, the intrigue was car-
ried on in a building whose roof was a garden and a bower of roses.
Xerxes, in cautioning silence, haphazardly referred to the roses
above them, so that between these men the significance of the flower
came to be secrecy. It afterward became the custom of the Athen-
ians to wear roses in their hair whenever they wished the communi-
cations among themselves to be kept inviolate. Then an ancient
myth has it that Cupid gave Harpocrates, the god of Silence, a rose
for a bribe not to betray the amours of Venus. Thus the rose has
become an emblem of silence; and things done and said Under the
Rose are secret and confidential.

The author, in writing the story, has had this dual significance
in mind, and the story conceals very cleverly a mystery the reader
never suspects until it is suddenly revealed to him. It would be
manifestly unfair to give this secret away by hinting at the plot.

"Under the Rose" is a romance of the time of the Emperor
Charles V. It opens in the gorgeous court of Francis I, which is
painted in luxurious colors.

The plot begins to develop immediately and continues logically
toward completion through many remarkable adventures, none of
which, however, are over melodramatic. We venture to call Mr.
Isham's hero the finest gentleman of fiction since Gaston de Marsac.

There is a delicacy of touch befitting the courtly scenes, a gal-
lant diplomacy of speech harmonizing with the atmosphere of the
times. The characters are well drawn and the entire story exceed-
ingly clever and original.—ST. PAUL DISPATCH.

Under the Rose Will Be Printed Serially in This Paper.

LOOK FOR IT

THE STAGE.

One of the best and strongest at-
tractions of the present season will
be that of "Rachel Goldstein, or The
Struggles of a Poor Girl in New York,"
which will be presented at the Faurot
opera house tonight. This play, which
has been an enormous success this
season wherever presented, is pro-
duced by Mr. A. H. Woods. He has
specially engaged Miss Louise Beaton
to play Rachel Goldstein, a striking
and forcible character part. The au-
thor of the play, Mr. Theo. Kremer,
has evolved a new and original plot,
which fairly bristles with exciting sit-
uations and effective dramatic ef-
fects.

FAUROT OPERA HOUSE.

Tuesday, Dec. 27.

H. A. WOODS

Presents the Clever Little Comedienne,

Miss Louise

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THE TIMES-DEMOCRAT,
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The Carroll Chronicle sarcastically
asks, "Who will be the social leader
in Cleveland since Mrs. Chadwick is
in jail?"

Tom McConica, one of Findlay's
charming fellows, and a good Elk
is slated for appointment as Ameri-
can consul at Cork, Ireland.

Money still remains the open sesame
to the United States senate, and brains
and ability are no longer the requisites
for admission to that great legislative
body.

Governor Herrick has issued a
statement that he will stop all con-
templated prize fights in this state.

This is not to be taken as meaning
that the governor intends to cease the
knock down and drag out political
fight which is now waging between the
republican factions in Buckeyeodom.

This is an excellent time of the
year to decide to be cheerful during
the coming year, and then to adhere
to the resolve. It will bring happiness
not only into your life, but into the
lives of all with whom you come in
daily contact. Make of yourself a
bundle of therapeutic suggestion.

Foreign despatches tell of the death
in a French penal colony of Tom
O'Brien, king of all bunco men, and
the inventor of the gold brick scheme.
There is, however, nothing discourag-
ing in this, for Lawson tells us that
there are some worthy emulators of
that distinguished gentleman, and that
their place of business is not far re-
moved from Wall Street in the City
of New York.

That some people are never sat-
isfied is apply illustrated by a story
that comes from Massachusetts.
Carnegie gave a town near the hub, a
handsome pipe organ. Soon after its
installation the donor was asked to
contribute a fund to improve the wa-
ter works of the town. Naturally it
broke him, and he wrote the authori-
ties that it was to the moral and phys-
ical welfare of the town that the
proper officials take the necessary
steps to improve the supply, without
outside aid.

To this the officials replied:
"Our water works were entirely sat-
isfactory for all our needs until you
gave us that splendid organ. We find
now that the pressure ain't sufficient
to pump the organ, and thought you
would like to assist us in purchasing
a new boiler."

That recalls something about look-
ing a gift horse in the mouth.

TYPEWRITERITIS.

According to a report emanating
from Columbus, O., the Anti-Woman-
Stereographers' Society has issued a
manifesto to the effect that during the
past 10 years 4,263 wives have filed
suits of divorce against their husbands
because of the flirtations of the latter
with their fair office employees, and in
2,881 of the suits the Courts have
found sufficient grounds for decreeing
a severance of marital relations. That
stereography or typewriting has
some occult relation with conjugal in-
fidelity has long been suspected by
professional humorists, says the Phil-
adelphia Record, but to have proof
thrust at one in the form of cold
blooded statistics gives a shock to
one's faith in human nature.

This sudden, and scientific discovery
of the steno-graphic, caused the Oil

Your Liver

Will be roused to its natural duties
and your business, headache and
constipation be cured if you take

Hood's Pills

Sold by all druggists. 25 cents.

Dr. Hazzard to comment as follows:
"We will not compromise ourselves
by saying whether it is the female
constipation or the stenographers of
the sex in whom we have lost faith."

A YANKEE RICK.

Benjamin L. Tallman, of Blauvelt
Rockland county, N. Y., claims to have
trained a hen to lay three eggs in one
lay. The shells are not well formed,
as the lime secretion does not keep
pace with the yolk and albumen for-
mation, but he hopes to remedy this
by a larger mixture of powdered oys-
ter shells with the mash. The scarcity
and the high price of eggs have led
certain farmers to try all kinds of de-
vices to make willing hens do double
duty. One of the commonest of these
devices is the use of trap nests. In-
stead of the ordinary open nests these
inventions have trap doors, which
close when the hen enters. After the
hen has laid an egg she is allowed to
come out, but instead of permitting
the hen freedom and rest until next
day some avaricious hen farmers let
her out at the rear of the nest instead
of the front, and the hen instead of
being free, finds herself in another
trap nest. Having learned by experi-
ence that the price of liberty is an egg,
and believing that she must be mis-
taken in thinking she has just laid there
is nothing for the poor hen to do but
to lay again.—OH City Blizzards.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mrs. Fred Miller and children, of
Sidney, are spending the holidays with
friends in this city.

Miss Jenni Shaw, of Tiffin, Ohio, is
the guest of Mrs. J. T. Swanders, 315
west Elm street.

Mr. T. P. Connely, Jr., of Toledo, is
the guest of Ed. Caffrey, of west Mc-
Kibben.

Charles Ockenfels, of New Phila-
delphia, was the guest today of Ed.
Steuber.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Piper, spent
Christmas in Sidney.

Joseph Goldsmith now located in
Ardmore, Indian Territory, is shaking
hands with his many friends in
Lima.

Miss Artie Griner, of Ft. Wayne, is
spending the holidays with Mr. and
Mrs. J. M. Hutchison, of south West
street.

Miss Rita Collins is home from the
Villa Marie Academy, at Erie, Pa.
for a visit during the holidays with
her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Col-
lins, of Bellefontaine avenue.

Mr. Spyker, of Heindie street, is on
the sick list, suffering with an attack
of rheumatism.

There will be a meeting of the
Royal Arcanum this evening at 7:30.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Russell, and
Miss Olive King leave this evening
for a week or ten days visit in New
York.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Methard, of St.
Johns avenue, have as their guests,
Mrs. Methard's father, mother and
sister, of Logansport, Ind.

Elizabeth McPherson, of south Eliza-
beth street 791, entertained Mr. and
Mrs. J. J. Councilman, Miss Annie
Councilman, of Olean, N. Y., Mr. Fred
Acker and Harry Davis, of Chicago,
at a Christmas dinner.

A copy of the Times of Clay Center,
Kansas, announces the birth to Mr.
and Mrs. C. C. Leslie of a son last Fri-
day. Mr. Leslie was a few years ago
a capable printer in the employ of this
office.

The Lima Y. M. C. A. basket ball
team will make an effort to do as good
tonight against Chicago Central Y. M.
C. A. as Fremont did last night, the
score being 35 to 22 in favor of the
world's champions.

A baby girl was born to Mr. and
Mrs. Walter Cooney, of west Market
street, last night, but lived only a
few hours. The little infant was laid
away in Gethsemani cemetery this
morning.

It sends the life's blood dancing
through your veins; the exhilarating
feeling one feels after using Hollister's
Rocky Mountain Tea is wonderful. 35
cents. Tea or Tablets. H. F. Vork-
kamp.

MADE BISHOP.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 27.—Rev. T.
Lillis, of Kansas City, at the cathedral
here today was consecrated bishop of
the Roman Catholic diocese of Leav-
enworth. The Most Rev. Archbishop
Glennon, of St. Louis was the con-
secrator, Archbishop Moemer preaching
the sermon.

Brings bright, shining, merry eyes,
rich, red blood, good health. That's
what Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea
will do. 35 cents. Tea or Tablets. H.
F. Vorkkamp.

NOT
Guilty Was the
Verdict
Of the Jurors

Who Sat in Case of
State vs. Fensler.

First Defendant in Black-
mailing Case Given His
Liberty.

But John Watkins, Who Was
Jointly Indicted for the Same
Offense is Yet to
Be Tried.

The jury, after sufficient delibera-
tion to give the evidence in the case
of the state vs. David Fensler care-
ful weight, returned a verdict in favor
of the defendant at 8 o'clock yester-
day evening, acquitting him of the
crime of blackmailing. The full partic-
ulars of the case were published in
yesterday edition, but the defense was
brought out by the defendant himself,
who was the first witness called in
his own behalf.

Mr. Fensler stated that he was sim-
ply an intermediary between John
Watkins and old man Badertscher, the
former coming to consult him in the
matter after his wife and her mother
had told of Badertscher's supposed
insult. He said he advised Watkins to
consult the justice of the peace, which
was done, and it was only after Mr.
Badertscher had told his family of his
plaint that he offered to hush the mat-
ter up by the payment of money.

Fensler added that he had used his
influence with Watkins to accept pay-
ment of a smaller sum than he had de-
manded, as it was evident if Bader-
scher's story was true he had no in-
tention of offering an insult to the
women.

Watkins will be held for trial on the
same charge as he is the one most in-
terested in obtaining the settlement
the prosecuting witness is said to have
made in order to prevent arrest and
public exposure.

Marriage Licenses.

Amos W. Reichenbach, 21, farmer,
and Mary Ann Welty, 20, both of
Bluffton.

Carl H. Hemrick, 25, farmer, Sugar
Creek township, and Catherine Wil-
liams, 19, of Gomer.

Edward Miller, 32, laborer, and Pearl
Curtis, 31, both of Lima.

In Probate Court.

Matilda Krift, administrator of the
estate of Joseph Krift, has filed an in-
ventory showing property to the value
of \$4,470. A petition was also filed
asking permission to sell real estate
for the purpose of meeting outstanding
obligations.

Sufferers from dyspepsia or any
stomach trouble are earnestly re-
quested to call at the Marmion drug
store, also Melville's drug store on
Wednesday, Dec. 28 where The Muel-
ler Chemical Co. will have their repre-
sentative all day and get a free bottle
of Chlorocephoid, the greatest known
stomach remedy—try it free. It

Report from the Reform School.
J. G. Gluck, superintendent, Prun-
town, W. Va., writes: "After trying
all other advertised cough medicines,
we have decided to use Foley's Honey
and Tar exclusively in the West Vir-
ginia Reform school. I find it the
most effective, and absolutely harm-
less." Sold by H. F. Vorkkamp and
Wm. Melville.

Holiday Excursions via Pennsylvania Lines.

December 24th, 25th, 26th and 31st
January 1st and 2nd, are the dates on
which excursion tickets may be ob-
tained at Pennsylvania Lines ticket
offices for Christmas and New Year
holiday trips. For full particulars
call on local ticket agent of Pennsylv-
ania lines. 51-dec-31

For wood of any kind, call Central
Coal Co. Both phones. 89-11

Driven to Desperation.

Living at an out of the way place,
remote from civilization, a family is
often driven to desperation in case
of accident, resulting in burns, cuts,
wounds, ulcers, etc. Lay in a supply
of Bucklen's Arnica Salve. It's the
best on earth. 25c. at H. F. Vork-
kamp's drug store, corner of Main
and North streets.

Startling Evidence.

Fresh testimony in great quantity
is constantly coming in, declaring Dr.
King's New Discovery for Consump-
tion, Coughs and Colds to be un-
equalled. A recent expression from
T. J. McFarland, of Bentonville, Va.,
serves as example. He writes: "I
had bronchitis for three years and
doctored all the time without being
benefited. Then I began taking Dr.
King's New Discovery, and a few
bottles wholly cured me." Equally
effective in curing all lung and throat
troubles, consumption, pneumonia and
grip. Guaranteed by H. F. Vorkkamp,
druggist, corner of Main and North
streets. Trial bottles free, regular
size 50c, and \$1.00

PASSENGERS
BADLY SHAKEN

Train Loaded With Mystic Shriners
In Collision in Pennsylvania
Near Baltimore.

Baltimore, Dec. 27.—A collision oc-
curred here today in the yards of the
Pennsylvania Railroad at Union sta-
tion between the Northern Central
Harrisburg express train enroute from
Washington and an empty express
train on the Philadelphia, Baltimore &
Washington Railway. On the Harris-
burg express were a large number
of Mystic Shriners from that city an-
other persons, including Admiral
Schley.

George Ungert, engineer of the Harris-
burg express, was hurt externally.
Several other railway employees were
less seriously injured.

None of the passengers was hurt
but all were badly shaken up.

EXTENSIVE
IMPROVEMENTS

Contemplated By Wabash System.
Most of Which Will Be in
This State.

Wellsville, O., Dec. 27.—It is stated
that the Wabash railroad will do ex-
tensive building in Ohio next sum-
mer. Orders have been issued it is
understood for construction of lines
which have been surveyed from Lis-
bon to Minerva, from New Gahlee to
New Castle and Elwood City, and
from Lisbon to Washington to pro-
vide an outlet for the Salem branch.
A line from Negly south to the Ohio
river will be built. These lines built
the Wabash will tap the Mahoning
valley at points.

PROMINENT OIL
REFINER IS DEAD.

Warren, Pa., Dec. 27.—Hugh A.
Jameson, one of the most prominent
business men of Pennsylvania, died
today at his home in this city. He
had been ailing for the past week, but
his death came suddenly. Mr. James-
on was one of the prominent figures
among the independent oil refiners of
the United States and was largely in-
terested in lumber in Minnesota and
on the Pacific coast. He was presi-
dent of the Conewago Refining Co.,
and a director in the Warren National
Bank.

PRISON SHIP
SANTEE FULL

Of Midshipmen Who Had Planned
to Get Full During the
Holidays.

Annapolis, Md., Dec. 27.—The naval
academy authorities, discovered that
preparations for the drinking of a
large amount of intoxicants during
the Christmas holidays had been
made by some of the midshipmen, the
liquor to be obtained through acad-
emy attendants. Watchmen were
placed at the gates to inspect per-
sons coming in and were successful
in finding considerable quantities of
liquor which was confiscated. A quan-
tity was smuggled in, however, and
several banquets were interrupted in
different quarters. As a result the
prison ship Santee is full of offending
midshipmen and three have been re-
commended for dismissal by Com-
mandant Badger.

SKATING.

In the bright days of long ago,
When skies grew gray and chilly,
Upon the pond, swept clear of snow,
Went skating little Willie.
Now Willie's grown up you know,
And yet, tho it seems silly,
Among the booze joints, high and low,
He's skating—little Willie.

HEARD IN THE SANCTUM.

"The live stock editor" remarked
the snake story reporter "was chased
half a mile by an enraged cow."
"And I suppose," commented the
burly six-footer who writes "Talks
With Girls," "that he was completely
cowed."

Whereat the assistant erokinole
editor objected, asserting that the jest
was a stock joke.—Exchange.

Grayce—What's Miss Uglymugg
kicking about?
Gladys—She says I'm called on
her when he'd been drinking.
Grayce—Well, what about it? Was-
n't he drunk enough to propose?—Ex-
change.

HER PINK TEA.

It took a deal of coin, I ween,
To see it safely through;
It made her social rivals green
And made her husband blue.

Alexander was sighing for more
worlds to conquer.

"On second thought," he said, "per-
haps it's just as well. Mrs. Chad-
wick would get 'em anyway."

Giving his autograph to the porter, he
boarded the train for Macedonia.

MARY

Was Running a Lit-
tle Court

All by Herseif

According to Statement
of Girls

Who Were Arrested by Po-
lice at the Bridge Saloon
Last Night.

Mary Returned From a Christmas
Trip This Morning and Was
Again Arrested. Fence
Case Disposed Of

Mary Eix, proprietress of a resort
commonly known as the "Bridge Joint"
who was fined \$53.60 in mayor's
court a few days ago, is in trouble
again. Three women, Bessie Hartely,
Lillie Mines and Alice Morris, who
are inmates of the resort were hold-
ing high carnival when taken into
custody by detective Heffern last
night and among the other troubles
which they unloaded into the ears of
their captor was the claim that they
had been made to pay \$8.00 each, by
the Eix woman, who, they claimed,
had told them she had had to pay
fines of that amount for each of them
in mayor's court. They introduced
the woman's ledger in evidence and
Joe took book and girls to the police
station. The woman returned from
Leipsie this morning and was arrested.
She gave \$20 security for her appear-
ance and will be arraigned later.

OTHER CASES IN COURT.

John Stewart, who attacked a high
board line fence with an axe yester-
day, promising acting Mayor Newson,
this morning that he would rebuild
the fence and was released under a
suspended sentence.

George Southworth of Bluffton, con-
victed last night, that he had been
robbed of \$20 at Hart's Palm Garden
on north Central avenue and Ruby
Casey a colored woman, whom he had
been in company with, was arrested by
policeman John Ferguson. There was
no evidence to substantiate the charge
of robbery and the woman was re-
leased but was given only an hour to
get out of the city. She went.

AMONG THE ORBITS.

"Venus is flirting with Mars.
And Mercury's gone on a lark.
But I guess it's no business of mine."
Said the moon; "I'd better keep
dark."

SUCCESSFUL LAUNCHING.

Ernie—So Helen is married at last!
Did her father make any demon-
stration?
Eva—I should say so. You could
hear him whooping and dancing for a
block.—Chicago News

NEW USE FOR RICE.

The present Chinese minister, Sir
Chen Tung Liang, C. M. G., is
as witty as his well-known predeces-
sor, Wu Ting-fang. Sir Chen Tung was
an interested spectator of the marriage
ceremony of certain young friends in
Washington. At the conclusion of the
wedding, as the minister was leaving
the house, he made some inquiries of
a friend with respect to the origin of
the custom of throwing rice after the
newly joined couple. "Oh," replied the
friend, "that's by way of wishing them
good luck." "In that case," suggested
the oriental with just a suspicion of
smile, "why is it not the custom to
throw rice after the hearse at a fu-
neral?"—Chicago Chronicle.

ATCHISON GLOBE SIGHTS.

When a girl begins to look like her
mother, it is a sign of age.
About the only really wise man in
the world is the "by-stander."
In the real great troubles of life it
never does any good to cry or cuss.
We are all shiftless; but you bet
there are people worse than we are.
After an actress becomes old, her
attempts to retain the public favor
are pitiful.

When it comes to buying Christ-
mas presents, it is cheaper to buy for
a wife than a sweetheart.
You have not been taken into the
average person's confidence until he
has abused his kin to you.
It is said that a preacher once
lived in Atchison who accepted fees
for preaching at funerals.

There are twelve months in the
year: how do you treat your Santa
Claus the remaining eleven?

The average mother has a good
deal to say about never taking any
"back talk" from her children.
You are not going the limit unless
you have a wreath of holly hung up
in every window in the house.

The money a girl earns by clerking
in a store during the holidays; she
has mighty little of it left at the end
of a year.

THE HOTEL BREAKFAST.

How the American Meal Appears to
an Englishman.

The American hotel breakfast is
representative of the general delight in
good living. The length of the menu
and the variety of the dishes bespeak
an appetite that in the early morning
can relish a meal little less substantial
than a dinner.

The hotel breakfast begins with fruit
—grape fruit if it happens to be in sea-
son, the butter sweetness of which
seems designated by nature to awaken
the appetite. And there is really a be-
wondering problem when next you are
asked to choose among the cereals
from the old fashioned oatmeal to all
kinds of predigested preparations.

Cooked oysters in every style are of-
fered on the menu, and even in the best
restaurants a plate of oysters costs
only a shilling. The choice of fish can
be made from a long list of kinds un-
known in England, including walldish,
bluefish and shad, with its delicate roe.
It must be out of compliment to Eng-
lish travelers that herring and haddock
are imported. You see them very sel-
dom on an American breakfast table.

When boiled eggs are eaten they are
opened by the waiter into a glass, no
small quantity of butter being added—
salt butter, for "sweet" butter is sel-
dom served. With chops or steak the
American, who never eats cold meats
at breakfast, usually orders potatoes,
and the meal may be brought to a close
with pancakes. These hot cakes, which
are made of wheat, buckwheat, rice or
cornmeal, are eaten smothered in maple
syrup, a delicious treat obtained
from the sap of maple trees.

The American drinks coffee for
breakfast—such a coffee as you may
find in Paris, but not in London—and
that he does not prefer tea would need
no other explanation than the failure
to understand the art of making it.—
London Mail.

THE FIRST PIE PLATES.

They Were Made by the German
Potters of Philadelphia.

The first pie plates were made early
in the eighteenth century by the Ger-
man potters who settled in Philadel-
phia.

After the clay was prepared it was
cut into small pieces by means of a
brass wire and taken to the work-
bench to be made into plates.

The clay was roughly beaten into a
flattened form looking like a colossal
buckwheat cake. This was rolled out
into a thin sheet with a roller much
like a rolling pin, and then a disk
cutter was used to cut it into circu-
lar pieces of the required diameter.

This bat, as it was called, was then
laid on a board until partly dry and
was then decorated.

The slip decoration was applied by
means of a slip cup, an earthen vessel
with goose quills inserted into the
opening, through which the liquid
slip was made to trickle over the ware
in a variety of patterns, just as icing
is applied to cake at the present time.
The slip mixture was of a creamy col-
or made of white clay and water.

Favorite motives for decorations
were flowers, fruits and scenes, tulips
being a special pet.

A Lutheran minister asked his potter
to dine with him to discuss designs for
a set of plates he wished to order.
As the potter was accustomed to dine
at 12, he was almost finished when the
clergyman's 2 o'clock dinner was
served. When the set of plates came
home, each with a pious sentiment in-
terwoven among the marginal decora-
tions, the minister laughed to find an
extra plate, bearing this inscription: "I
have never been at a place where they
dine so late." So much for Pennsylv-
ania-German humor.—Philadelphia
Ledger.

A Rebellious Actor.

Frederick Lemaître, the French ac-
tor, was playing Robert Macaire in a
town of France where two soldiers of
the garrison represented the policemen
who had to arrest him. In the spirit
of his part he gave one of them a vig-
orous kick. "Ifa, we must see to this!"
cried the infuriated soldier and promp-
tly knocked Lemaître into the orchestra.

At this there was a terrific din, and
the soldier began to see that the rin-
dication of his uniform was not popu-
lar. But Lemaître, when he regained
the stage, took the gendarme by the
hand and said, "Excellent! well done,
my friend. The uniform must be re-
spected even in the theater. Come to
lunch with me tomorrow and bring
your comrade."

Hats, Boots and Heavies.

Mrs. Nolan had made some disparag-
ing remarks about the costume of her
husband's bosom friend, Mr. Heffly,
and they were promptly resented.

"His hat is turning green with age,"
said Mrs. Nolan, with fine scorn,
"and his boots are rusty and cracked."
"Lookin' did I hear ye say? Listen now
to me, Mrs. Nolan. If every man's hat
an' boots covered as warm a heart as
Phebe Heffly's there'd be more proud
winnin' in the world!"

Good Training.

Miss Slighter (to Egypt)—Mr. New-
rich, you scale up those rocks as if
you'd been climbing pyramids all

THEIR NIGHT OFF

By Thomas E. Hinchman

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Twombly had been watching with great satisfaction the very artistic smoke gardens he was reeling off his last luncheon cigar. Suddenly his glance fell to the figure of the girl leaning over a desk by the window. Evidently she was puzzled by the letter he had given her to his father's Venezuelan representative. She shifted her position to throw a better light on the book. Incidentally it brought her profile out sharply against the early afternoon sunlight. Twombly forgot all about the smoke wreaths.

"By Jove," he said to himself, "that's a profile for the sculptor. I wonder where she sprang from and where the governor found her."

"The governor," otherwise Thomas Twombly, Sr., had been called suddenly to London, and Thomas Twombly, Jr., was spending his summer in the office instead of at Newport or on some friend's yacht, as was his usual custom. The summer nights in town were something of a revelation to the young man, who, despite his city birth, knew little of city life, so much had he traveled with his mother.

The girl swung round to her desk, and the typewriter clicked insistently. Tom laid down his cigar and bent forward, watching her curiously. It must be devilish hard to work like that when you know you were meant for better things, thought the young fellow, and the light of a strong resolution shone on his smooth, square cut face.

"I wonder how she'd like to spend an evening as I do around town?"

Then he paused uncertainly. Would she have the clothes to wear? He remembered the filmy, extravagant gowns he had seen at the casino the night before. Then he as quickly decided that she'd look well no matter what she wore. He strolled across the room to draw down the shades just a trifle.

"Beastly hot, isn't it?"

"Very warm," replied Miss Carruth without looking up from her work. "If I owned the Stock Exchange or controlled big business interests I'd stop everything short of hot weather."

She looked up at him with a grave smile. "Then I'm afraid you couldn't own a yacht and a shooting box in the Adirondacks."

"That's so. The wheels of commerce must grind on the year around, I suppose."

"And what a lot of poor people they grind down!" The girl spoke to herself rather than to him.

"Oh, but the town's not so bad in summer," he said. "It's corking jolly if you know the right sort of people. I've had some good times the last few weeks."

She looked at him almost pityingly, but he did not notice it.

"You know, there are the roofs and the gardens, and nearly all the fellows in town have their automobiles. Oh, it's not half bad."

She did not answer, but resumed her writing. He went back to his desk, but the idea of giving her an evening out had become thoroughly imbedded in his mind. About 8 o'clock he rose with sudden determination.

"Oh, I say, Miss Carruth, let's knock off for the day."

"Knock off?" she said wonderingly. "I don't understand."

"Let's take a trip around town."

The girl swung around in her chair and looked at him in silent amazement. Twombly looked back at her with an engaging, boyish smile, and the faint flush which had come into her face died down again.

"I think we have been working pretty faithfully since the governor went away, and we deserve a holiday. I'd be awfully much obliged to you if you'd have dinner with me tonight, and then we will go up on one of the roof gardens and see the show."

A faint smile curved the girl's lips, and she felt encouraged.

"It's awfully jolly, don't you know, and if you have never seen that sort of thing you'd like it."

"Oh, I understand," said the girl. "You're going to give me just a taste of the life you and your friends lead. But it might make me very dissatisfied with my surroundings, you know."

Twombly found himself actually blushing at her. She put it so baldly.

"Oh, I say, that's not fair. Just for tonight I think we might be jolly good pals and forget that my father pays your salary."

The girl laughed. Twombly pulled down the lid of his desk with a snap.

"Wait," said the girl; "you must sign these letters."

"Oh, hang it," he said, "I forgot."

While he was dispatched that work the girl was closing up her own affairs for the day, and when she took the letters from him and touched the bell for the office boy to carry them away he noticed that she had her hat on and a neat pair of gloves were caught through the handle of her purse.

"We'll have time for a spin in the park before we go to dinner," he said. "I must go home first and change my frock."

He looked her over critically. The shirt waist suit was simple, but it had an air. He didn't feel quite so safe about the fiery she might deem necessary for evening wear.

"Oh, don't bother," he said quickly. "You look very fit in that."

"She shook her head. 'I must go home, because mother would worry, and I have no way of telephoning to her.'"

Twombly saw that it was useless to argue the question.

"When and where shall I call for you?"

The girl flushed suddenly. "Oh, I will meet you at the park entrance."

The Value Of Experience

(Original.)

Captain Jacob Tarr, bound from Martha Vineyard to the south Pacific ocean on a whaling voyage, having recently lost his wife, resolved to take their only child, a daughter barely seventeen years old, with him in his ship Harpoon. Irene Tarr was a lovely girl in face, figure and disposition, and her father adored her. He had not yet begun to trouble himself lest any young man should take her away from him.

Captain Tarr had spent all his sailor life whaling on the Atlantic ocean, but now that the stock of whales was running low there he was obliged to turn his attention to a field with which he was not familiar. In looking about for a man who had had experience there he hit upon Frank Bristol, a young fellow who had gone out before the mast six years before and made two voyages on the Pacific. Since he was but twenty, the captain gave him no higher berth than third mate, but he was the only officer aboard the Harpoon that had had any considerable experience in the Pacific ocean.

There is love that comes from long association and love that comes with a single glance of eyes. The latter was the case with Frank Bristol and Irene Tarr. She saw a young fellow in sailor's uniform and pea jacket, with a light step, a head of curly hair, a fearless blue eye, and succumbed. He saw a girl with that shade of auburn hair that is called Titian, or golden, with contrasting dark brown eyes, and he bent the knee. During the voyage the two met occasionally, but Bristol saw no more of her than did his brother officers. Nevertheless the sputtering flame that had been kindled grew to a consuming fire.

Meanwhile Captain Tarr walked the quarter deck oblivious to the fact that a sailor without a cent and with only a common school education had won his daughter, on whom every advantage had been lavished and who would inherit \$100,000 he had accumulated in whale grease.

The Harpoon had sailed as far as the Hawaiian Islands, then turned southward, touching at the Marquesas, from which she bent her course eastward. Captain Tarr was thus far well pleased with his voyage. He had on board a goodly supply of whale oil, and one feature he had somewhat dreaded, his inexperience as to wind and weather in the Pacific—had not troubled him at all.

"Talk about winds in particular waters," he said after being out a couple of months. "My opinion is that a man who has learned to sail a ship in one ocean should know how to sail her in any ocean. I find no difficulty here."

That same evening Frank Bristol had the watch while Captain Tarr was pacing the deck. Suddenly the captain was surprised to hear Bristol give the order:

"Man the weather braces."

"What do you mean by giving such an order as that, Mr. Bristol? Have you lost your senses?"

"Wind coming," was the laconic reply.

The captain walked to leeward and, leaning over the rail, scanned the sea and the sky from east to west.

"There's no change coming that I can see. Drop the braces, men."

"Hold the braces, I say," said Bristol, with all the firmness of an admiral of the navy.

"Is this mutiny?" roared the captain. "You young rascal, I'll teach you that I haven't been a sailor for twenty years for nothing, and I command this ship. Men, drop the braces!"

"Helen!"

He leaned heavily against the table. The girl's head was bent so low that he could not look into her eyes.

"Jack," she said softly, but not so softly that he missed either the word or the tender accent with which she lingered over his name.

They had forgotten Twombly's existence. Now the newcomer pulled himself together.

"I beg your pardon, old man, but Miss Carruth and I were once—very good—friends."

"I see," said Twombly, rising, with an amused smile. "And if you'll look after Miss Carruth for a moment I'd like to have a chat with an artist friend I see buried behind a row of stools."

Without so much as a "thank you" Davidson dropped into the vacant chair.

"Helen, I've come back to look after you for always, and dear, if you'll forgive my selfishness I'll promise you can study sociology and found working girls' clubs and endow industrial schools—anything, so you will come to me."

Twombly had forgotten all about the artist friend. He was leaning over the parapet looking down on the starling street lamps.

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WONDERFUL INSECTS.

The Marvelous Ways of Various Species of Ants.

Lieutenant Colonel Sykes saw at Poon ants carrying out grain to dry in the sun. Dr. Lluceum in Texas found ants which planted a certain seed bearing grass, reaped it and carried the grain into their cells, where they stripped it of chaff and packed it away. The paper relating this was read by Darwin before the Linnæan society. Another observer has told us of ants which grow mushrooms.

The foraging ants of Brazil and western equatorial Africa are terrible voracious. Elephants and gorillas do not escape them; the python takes care not to indulge in a meal till he has satisfied himself that there are none of them about. They have a "cleansed class," much larger creatures, which accompany their march, "like subaltern officers in a marching regiment," they are not fighters, however. One curious conjecture as to their function has been made. They are indigestible, and birds spare the whole army lest they should get hold of one of these tough morsels. This, it must be allowed, looks a little too strange.

Slaves the ants certainly have, but they do not make slave raids; the larvae of the inferior race are carried off and hatched out. The crowning marvel, however, is that the British slave carrying ants, and the slave makes his slaves fight for him.—London Spectator.

CHILDREN IN THE HOME.

They Bring Anxiety, but Very Much More Comfort.

The children of the family—one is apt to look on them as burdens, both as respects and expenses.

When the baby comes, he is ever so welcome, the mother has more work to do. As it grows into childhood and on to maturity it is more and more care, worry and expense.

As for the little children, those innocent trespassers, are borne with as patiently as possible until they grow to a successful manhood or womanhood.

Few stop to think deeply about this, or it would be plainly seen how erroneous the impression.

The children of the family, instead of being burdens, are burden bearers; small savors who are daily means of grace, and who lead the world worn parents once more into the paths of innocence and peace.

A baby's tiny hand clasped around his mother's finger has stilled her throbs of sorrow and of bitter trouble; a baby's arms around his father's neck have brought to the man's weary brain a renewal of that love which is all that makes life livable.—Philadelphia Telegraph.

BLOWING OUT A CANDLE.

The Effect a Pin of Breath Has on the Flame.

A burning candle is a gas manufactory on a small scale. The wax or tallow is converted by the heat of the flame into gas, and in that form enters into chemical combination with the oxygen of the surrounding air.

This chemical union causes a very high rise in temperature in the elements concerned. In fact, it produces what we know as flame of fire, which is simply the white hot molecules of carbon and oxygen. The gas making process is started by the match in lighting the candle and is afterward continued by the flame itself.

Our breath acts in three ways: (1) It carries away the particles of gas bodily. (2) It lowers their temperature at the same time, so that they are no longer capable of entering into chemical union with the oxygen. (3) The breath contains carbonic acid gas, which is incapable of supporting combustion and so helps to extinguish the flame.

Setting For a Friend.

A gentleman was requested by a lady to put her a tender to a certain horse if he fancied it. Now, he did not fancy the animal nor back it and was greatly surprised to see it win. Of course he was pleased, but his satisfaction was interrupted by the reflection that the lady would doubtless imagine that her tender had been invested. The trainer inquired the price—20 to 1. Though a poor man, he was—and is, I should say—so kindly and scrupulous that he would not disappoint his friend, and sent her £200, which he could exceedingly ill afford. Doubtless to this day she has no knowledge of the truth.—London Sporting News.

The Passing of Chivalry.

When gallantry prevailed in the south no woman was allowed to carry home a bundle of any kind. If any gentleman caught one in the act of lugging a purchase from some shop to her domicile he felt in duty bound to tip his hat, make low obeisance and beg the privilege of acting as her expressman. This common courtesy was accepted of all men in the spirit in which a queen would allow a vessel to serve her. Nowadays southern women, like their northern sisters, tote their own packages.—New York Press.

Three Very Good Reasons.

Candid Minister—Good morning, Janet. I am sorry to hear you did not like my preaching on Sunday last. What was the reason? Janet—I had three very good reasons, sir. Firstly, you read yer sermon; secondly, ye did na read it weel, and thirdly, it was na worth readin' at a'!—London Tit-Bits.

Crushed.

"Very well, sir," said Dr. Quack after his quarrel with the undertaker. "I'll make you sorry for this."

"What are you going to do," asked the undertaker, "retire from practice?"—Exchange.

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FARM GARDEN

INJURIES TO SHADE TREES.

Dr. Stone of Massachusetts Discovers Shade Trees and Electricity.

Dr. George E. Stone of Massachusetts calls attention to the increasing interest in recent years in shade trees and roadside improvement and to the good results from the renewed interest in tree planting. He also points out the many adverse conditions with which shade trees have to contend and which are likely to increase with the development of our cities and towns along present lines. Among these Dr. Stone has made a special study of injuries due to electricity. He says:

"The increase of electric railroads, electric lighting systems and telephone

lines, which have their wires located usually adjacent to the tree belt, necessitates a large amount of disfigurement by pruning, and the close proximity of wires to trees too frequently causes a serious injury to them in other ways. A tree that has been severely pruned or disfigured by a mass of wires is scarcely better than none (Fig. 1).

A considerable amount of damage occurs to shade trees by wires, causing abrasions, destruction of limbs and leaders, burnings and necessitating much injudicious pruning.

The greatest amount of damage caused to trees by alternating and direct currents is by local burnings (Fig. 2). The higher the electro motive force (voltage) the more injury is likely to occur to trees.

There is practically little or no leakage from wires during dry weather. In wet weather, however, when a film of water is formed on the bark, more or less leakage is likely to occur, and if the insulation is insufficient and contact with the tree exists grounding takes place and burning, due to arcing, results.

No authentic cases have been observed by us where the alternating current employed for lighting service has killed trees, though there are authentic cases, extremely rare, where the direct current used in operating street railroads has killed large shade trees (Fig. 3). This has been accomplished by reversing the polarity, causing the positive current to traverse the rail and the return current the feed wire, which usually carries the positive.

The high resistance offered by trees and plants in general serves as a protection against death from electrical contact.

The physiological effect of the direct current on vegetable life differs from that of the alternating. The latter current acts more as a stimulant to the plant than the former.

There is evidence to support the idea that a current of not sufficient strength to cause burning may overstimulate

the plant and cause a retardation of its activities which will subsequently result in death.

Earth discharges during thunderstorms are more common than are generally supposed, and they are known to disfigure and cause the death of trees (Fig. 3).

Backwash Crop.

The preliminary estimate of the bureau of statistics on the buckwheat crop is an average per acre of 16.3 bushels against an average yield of 17.7 bushels in 1903, 18.1 bushels in 1902 and a ten year average of 17.9 bushels. The average for quality is 91.5 per cent against 91.4 last year, 88.1 in 1902 and 93.3 in 1901.

Crushed.

"Very well, sir," said Dr. Quack after his quarrel with the undertaker. "I'll make you sorry for this."

"What are you going to do," asked the undertaker, "retire from practice?"—Exchange.

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FOR THE ALFALFA GROWER.

Some Practical Hints About Soil Inoculation.

In inoculating soil for alfalfa we advise using at least 100 pounds of infected soil to the acre. Definite trials on large areas have shown that this amount is sufficient to produce a very satisfactory inoculation. The soil should be scattered over the field with some degree of uniformity, but it is not like seeding grain, and it is not absolutely essential that every square yard in the field should receive its due portion of infected soil. Some care should be taken in spreading it over the higher or places in the field, but if places should be missed on sloping land or on lower lands the bacteria will soon be carried over them by surface damage waters. Indeed, if all the watersheds in the field—that is, all the watersheds—are well inoculated the entire field will ultimately become infected, the bacteria being carried by soil washing, but the infection is more rapid, of course, if the infected soil is spread over the entire field with some degree of uniformity when it is first applied.

If possible, the soil should be applied at about the time the alfalfa seed is sown and then harrowed in with the seed, but it may be applied a month or two before sowing the alfalfa or at any time afterward, and it is not absolutely necessary that it be harrowed in, although that is advisable.

If applied to a field where the alfalfa is already a year or two old the infected soil may be mixed with the soil of the field by harrowing or disking (the disks being set straight, so as not to cut off the alfalfa roots), preferably early in the spring or after cutting has been made.

The infected soil may be applied in any way to get it over the field—as by hand (throwing it from the wagon), with an end gate seeder, if the soil is dry enough and sufficiently well pulverized, or in any other way which may be found convenient.

The results obtained during the past year fully confirm the results previously reported by the Illinois station concerning the importance and value of inoculation for alfalfa. The information which we now have strongly indicates that if it is provided with the proper bacteria alfalfa can be successfully grown on any soil where both corn and red clover are successful crops.—Professor Hopkins of Illinois.

The Virtues of Skim Milk.

It can very effectively tell the story of the conclusion from experiments at the Tennessee station on the value

of skim milk as an adjunct to the ration in growing pork.

Twelve pounds of skim milk were found to save two and one-half pounds of cornmeal in the ration.

One pound of skim milk from three to eight pounds of grain is considered the best ratio.

Barley as Feed For Horses.

Except on the Pacific coast barley is not extensively used as a feed in the United States doubtless owing to the fact that it is in such demand for brewing purposes that it is high in price. Wherever it is grown, however, it is frequently possible to secure at a low cost grain which is off color owing to rain or fog during harvest and which for this or some other reason is unfit for brewing, but valuable as feed. The barley grown on the Pacific coast is extensively used in the feeding of horses. Its use for this purpose is old in other countries. The Arabs fed their horses unground barley, and it is used successfully by the Berbers of north Africa. In Europe its value is generally recognized. Barley may be fed whole to horses having good teeth and not required to do severe work. Since ground barley, like wheat, forms a pasty mass when mixed with saliva, it is regarded as more satisfactory to crush than to grind it. If for any reason it is considered undesirable to feed the grain whole.

Native Hay Grasses.

A considerable number of native American grasses have shown themselves adapted to the regions where at present hay grasses are planted. It is believed by the bureau of plant industry that hay grasses can be found on the western plains where the average annual rainfall does not exceed fifteen inches.

Bermuda grass is perennial in warm climates, but perennial rooted in the upper cotton belt. The blades of the grass are killed by the first severe frost, but the underground stems and roots and the overground stems that have taken root are not killed by even severe freezes.

Winter Term.

At Lima Business College opens Jan. 2, 1905. Students assisted to positions; over 200 last year. 47-3w

C. S. Mellen's Career.

Railroad Man Whose Views President Roosevelt Indorsed.

In his recent message to congress President Roosevelt in discussing the labor problem quoted from a "special" delivered some time ago by the president of one of our great railroad systems" and indorsed the "human sense" character of his views. He did not mention the name of the railroad official, but it transpires that he is Charles S. Mellen, president of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad, and that the address in question was delivered about a year ago before the Hartford (Conn.) board of trade. It discussed the need of forbearance on the part of the employer and employee. When Mr. Mellen as a</

REACHED UP TO TURN ON LIGHT,

Then Fell Senseless.

J. W. Griffin, Oil Producer and Banker,
Expires Suddenly

In the Bathroom at His Home.

Combination Gas and Electric Light Fixtures
Were Somewhere In Contact With Incandescent Current Which Was Grounded
by a Heating Register.

J. W. Griffin, one of the leading oil producers of the Lima oil fields, and largely interested in the city's banking interests, died suddenly in his home on west Market street, about 7 o'clock this morning. The announcement of his death came as a severe shock to his friends and the discovery of his senseless form, lying upon the floor of the bath room at their home was a terrible blow to his wife. Death was at first believed to have been due to a sudden attack of heart trouble, but none of his friends, or even the victim himself, had knowledge that he had ever been troubled with any serious ailment and an investigation brought out the far more sensational report that he had been electrocuted. Without an instant's warning his body became the conductor of a current of high voltage, his hand making the contact with a combination gas and electric light fixture and his bare feet serving to ground the current on an iron heating register in the floor.

SLEPT WELL

And Was Feeling "Fine and Dandy,"
When He Entered the Bath Room.

Mr. Griffin arose after a good night's rest and as he started for the bath room he called out a cheerful "Good morning" to Mrs. Griffin and inquired how she was feeling after her night's rest. Mrs. Griffin replied that she was feeling all right and asked: "And how are you feeling?"

"Fine and dandy," was Mr. Griffin's reply as he continued on his way to the bath room. He entered the room, closed the door and a moment later Mrs. Griffin heard his body fall to the floor. She hastened to the bath room and was horrified to find that her husband's prostrate form was almost lifeless.

A single cry of distress passed Mr. Griffin's lips as he fell and when Mrs. Griffin reached him he was unconscious. She hurriedly summoned Dr. T. M. Johnson and some of the other neighbors who immediately came to her assistance. The unconscious form was placed on a bed in Mrs. Griffin's room and the physician administered a hyperdermic injection intended to strengthen the heart action but the effort was in vain. A moment later

Dr. Johnson found that life was extinct.

DISCOVERY.

That the Lightning Fixtures Were
Charged Was Made By Mrs.
Marsh Thompson.

After the first shock of the sad tragedy had subsided some of the ladies of the neighborhood, hoping to render some assistance to the grief-stricken widow, undertook the work of setting to right the disarranged articles in the bath room. Mrs. Marsh Thompson detected the odor of escaping gas and upon examining the lighting fixtures in the room, noticed that those directly above the register were bent out of their usual position. She touched her hand up to straighten the fixtures and as soon as she touched the metal she received a severe electrical shock that pained her considerably and almost knocked her down. She reported the matter but then she thought did not occur that Mr. Griffin's sudden and tragic death might have been caused by a similar shock. A little later, however, when J. E. Grosjean, of the firm Grosjean and Hall, was assisting undertaker Eckert in caring for the body, he noticed that two of the fingers on Mr. Griffin's hand were discolored sufficiently to give evidence of having been severely burned. From this fact arose the theory that the deceased had come to his death by an electric shock. Coroner Bice and General Manager Bendure of the Electric Light and Railway company, were immediately notified and together they made an investigation. Mr. Bendure ordered the incandescent service current turned off from the Griffin residence and personally conducted an investigation of the condition of the fixtures and wiring of the house. He found the wiring defective and after securing a voltage register he had the current turned on again and tested the condition of the fixtures in the bath room. He found that the pipes of the fixtures had contact somewhere with the current and states that upon making a connection from the fixture to the register in the floor the register showed a voltage slightly above the normal incandescent voltage of 112 volts.

The belief is that Mr. Griffin upon entering the bath room stood in his

bare feet upon the iron register in the floor and reached up to turn on the electric light. His body instantly became a conductor of the current between the fixtures and the register and he received the full voltage that the contact afforded.

The next question that arose in the minds of the coroner and Mr. Bendure was as to how a man could possibly be electrocuted by contact with the low voltage of an incandescent service. The normal voltage of the incandescent service is 112 while that used in cases of the electrocution of criminals is 1800, with the best possible contacts added. The possibility of a "cross" with a high tension wire of the trolley system was suggested but Mr. Bendure declared that if the current came from a high tension wire it would burn out every fuse with which it came in contact. The fuses used in incandescent service are intended to be sufficiently frail that they will be destroyed instantly upon receiving a current higher than that for which their service is intended. He states that on account of there being but few lights burning on the circuit that the Griffin house was on, the voltage, at the time of the accident might have been slightly above normal but could not have been high enough to cause electrocution without blowing out the fuses. Coroner Bice examined the fuse through which the current that charged the fixtures had to pass and found them intact.

CORONER BICE

Decides to Hold a Post Mortem Examination Over Remains.

The claim of Mr. Bendure that there was not sufficient voltage in the current to result in electrocution, led to the advancing of theories by physicians that there must have been some organic trouble which, coupled with the sudden shock from the electric current, produced death and to determine the facts Coroner Bice, at 3 o'clock this afternoon, decided to hold a post mortem examination over the remains of the deceased. He went to the Griffin home at 3:15 o'clock to conduct the examination, assisted by Dr. J. B. Vail and Undertaker Eckert.

NO BETTER

Citizen Had Lima Than It Had in the Person of J. W. Griffin.

James William Griffin was born in Keaton, New York, January 4, 1858, and would have reached the age of 47 years next month. He became connected with the Jarecki Manufacturing Co., when quite a young man and for a few years he managed one of the company's oil well supply stores at Dallas City, N. Y. He was married in that city and afterwards took charge of a store at Allentown, N. Y. From that city he removed to Lima, coming here in 1885 at the opening of the Lima oil field. He had charge of the supply store which the Jarecki Co. established here and had jurisdiction over the south Lima and Indiana oil districts. He became engaged in the oil business also as an independent producer and was a remarkably suc-

cessful operator. He acquired considerable wealth and during recent years has been prominently identified with local banking interests, being a director in the Ohio National Bank, and also a director in the Lima Trust Co., while in the oil business the firm of Griffin and Lakens, of which he was senior member, held one of the most extensive and valuable interests in the Indiana and Lima fields. Lima has no better citizens than J. W. Griffin has been. Public spirited, enterprising, generous and active in all the affairs for the city's good, he assisted in many public enterprises and was one of the most active men in the campaign recently conducted successfully for the securing of the location for the proposed new state hospital.

Mr. Griffin was a member of the Lima Club and of the Shawnee Country Club and was an active Shriner in the Masonic order. He is survived by his wife and one daughter, Miss Hazel Griffin, aged about 15 years. The family residence was at 519 west Market street, a handsome and valuable home which Mr. Griffin purchased a few years ago, from the Harrington estate.

It has been decided that the funeral will be held in this city and the remains will be placed temporarily in the receiving vault in Woodlawn cemetery, but the time of holding the funeral obsequies has not been determined.

FIRM MARKET FOR ALL KINDS

Mills Have Taken in Large Quantities of Wool To Last Till Spring.

Boston, Dec. 27.—General business in the wool market is dull but the tone is firm for practically all grades. The mills have now taken in a large amount of wool, some having enough to satisfy demands until the new clip arrives. A better call for fleece wool is noticed although the higher prices asked by some holders prevent sales. Ohio unwashed delaines are quoted at 27¢@28¢; unmerchanted 29, and Michigan.

TEARING

Out for the New C. H. & D. Turn Table.

Engines Will Be Reversed at Lake Erie Shops or Sent Through Meantime.

Business at the C. H. & D. round house will be considerably handicapped for the next few days during the work attending the placing of the new 60 foot turn table which has arrived from Indianapolis. It will take about three days to make the change and in the meantime such engines as need to be turned will be sent over to the Lake Erie round house. All engines that can be so used will be sent through to the end of the division both north and south, thus doing away with the extra work of turning them about.

Two of the stalls at the round house have been torn out and the frame work of the new additions built for the accommodation of the new engines, which are too long to be taken care of under the present conditions. Nine of the stalls are to be treated in the same manner.

The new engine, 344, which was turned over in the wreck on the Toledo terminal, had a new cab added today and the other repairs will be made to put her in condition for service by the end of the week.

To accommodate those who are partial to the use of atomizers in applying liquids into the nasal passages for catarrhal troubles, the proprietors prepare Ely's Liquid Cream Balm. Price including the spraying tube is 75 cents. Druggists or by mail. The liquid embodies the medicinal properties of the solid preparation. Cream Balm is quickly absorbed by the membrane and does not dry up the secretions but changes them to a natural and healthy character. Ely Brothers, 56 Warren St., N. Y.

O. E. S.

Regular meeting of Trinity Chapter No. 16, Wednesday evening Dec. 28, at 7:30. Officers and members be prompt. Visiting members in the city welcome.

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HUSBAND,

Son and Daughter Survive
Mrs. Abner Morgan.

Mrs. Abner Morgan, died at her late home, between Gomer and Elida, this morning at 10 o'clock, after an illness of only three weeks. Mrs. Morgan is a sister of Mrs. J. S. Michael, of 124 south Jameson avenue, this city, and is well known to many friends in Lima who will receive the news of her death with sincere sorrow. She was aged 39 years and to mourn her death are a sorrowing husband, one daughter Miss Ethel, aged 22 years, and one son, Russell, aged 19 years. The funeral services will be held at the Gomer church, Thursday afternoon. Interment will be made in the Gomer cemetery.

NOTICE.

All members of Tribe of Ben Hur are requested to be present in their new hall in the Central building, next Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock p. m. Election of officers.

4-21 O. L. MOWEN, Com.

Manzan is the Pile remedy that reaches the spot and stops all pile pain instantly. If you suffer with blind, bleeding, itching or protruding piles and want to be cured, it is only necessary to use Manzan, the great pile cure. Sold by H. F. Vorkamp, druggist.

LEADS POLICE A MERRY CHASE.

Blanket In Haymow Where He Slept Was Warm But Bird Had Flown.

Columbus, Dec. 27.—James O'Neill who shot his wife early Sunday morning is still giving the police a merry chase. Today it was tipped to the police by a former pal of O'Neill's that the murderer was sleeping in a hay mow on the south side near the scene of the killing. The police secured the blanket on which O'Neill had slept. It was found in a burrow in the hay mow, yet warm, but O'Neill had skipped. He has not yet been located.

LODGE NOTICE.

Fort Amanda Branch No. 108, will meet in Gazette hall, Wednesday evening promptly at 8 o'clock. All members requested to be present as there is to be election of officers.

SECT.

A Little With the Rest.

We've got to do a little while the rest's "doing much"—and you can bet your loose change you will see as large assortment of China Salads with us, and at interesting prices as elsewhere. And when it comes to Cups and Saucers "you want to hush." Pardon us for asking you to see those Austrian Vases. Latest out and the prices within reach of all. We simply could never wait on the people if we give out the prices on those Jardinieres that we just opened up. And the Umbrella Stands that came in with the jardinieres. You had better see them and get the prices. Remember we do a little in this line along with the rest.

LIMA TEA CO.
21 Public Square.

DOUMELSIER STILL AGROUND.

Captain and Crew Refused to Be Taken Ashore by Life Saving Crew.

New York, Dec. 27.—The steam ship Drumelsier, which went ashore on Fire Island bar Sunday night, was still fast aground today, with her captain and crew still on board. They had refused to be taken ashore by the life savers yesterday. Last night was a severe one with high wind and sea so that the ship could not have been reached even if the life savers had attempted it. Heavy fog hid the stranded vessel from sight today and for several hours the surf was too high to permit of the launching of a life boat. The life savers were beginning to be fearful that the ship would break up in the fog. They were planning to shoot a line over the ship as soon as the fog lifted, if the crew had not already been taken off by a wrecking tug.

Wagon, you're broke the girls are shy; They turn and fly as you come nigh; Hop up old man, show some pluck; Take Rocky Mountain Tow; I'll change your luck. H. F. Vorkamp.

ANOTHER CHRISTMAS WEDDING.

On Christmas day at the residence of the officiating minister, Rev. D. C. Young, pastor of Calvary Reformed church, at 528 east High street, Mrs. Bertha M. Taylor and Mr. James P. Morton were joined in Holy wedlock. Miss Taylor for a number of years was a very popular clerk in the Lima Dry Goods store, and Mr. Morton for several years was engaged by the Transfer Company but at present is located at Beaverdam. Their many friends will extend congratulations and best wishes.

WOOD-KNIZELY.

Sunday, at high noon a quiet and pretty wedding occurred at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. John Langan, of south Elizabeth street. Rev. Lavann, pastor of Trinity church, pronounced the ring ceremony that united Miss Lillian Knizely and Mr. S. Wood as man and wife.

A bountiful dinner was served at for which the happy couple left on the Pennsylvania west for a two weeks trip after which they will be home to their friends at 230 south Elizabeth street.

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